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TRANSMISSION ENHANCED BY SURFACE PLASMON RESONANCE

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests approval of the proposed drawing changes shown in red on the enclosed copies of FIGURES 2, 7, 9A, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 14A, and 14B.

REMARKS

The changes to FIGURE 2 make this figure consistent with the orientation shown in FIGURE 6.

The change to FIGURE 7 makes this figure consistent with FIGURE 6.

The changes to FIGURES 9A and 9B make the orientations of these figures self-consistent, as FIGURE 9B is an air bearing surface (ABS) view and FIGURE 9A is a partial cross sectional end view.

The changes to FIGURES 11A/11B, 12A/12B, and 14A/14B are analogous to those made to FIGURES 9A/9B.

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Replacement sheets that incorporate these changes are also enclosed.

No new matter is introduced by these changes.

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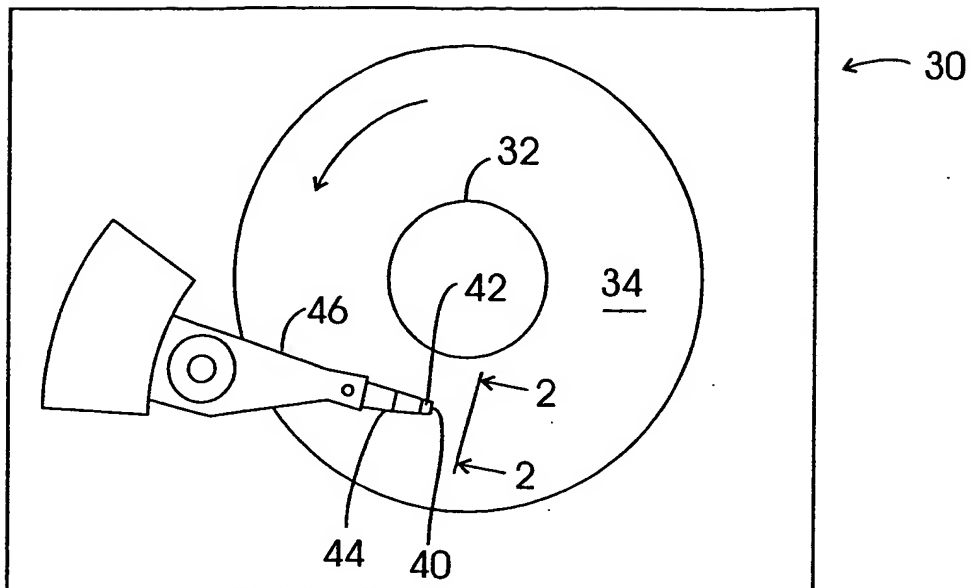


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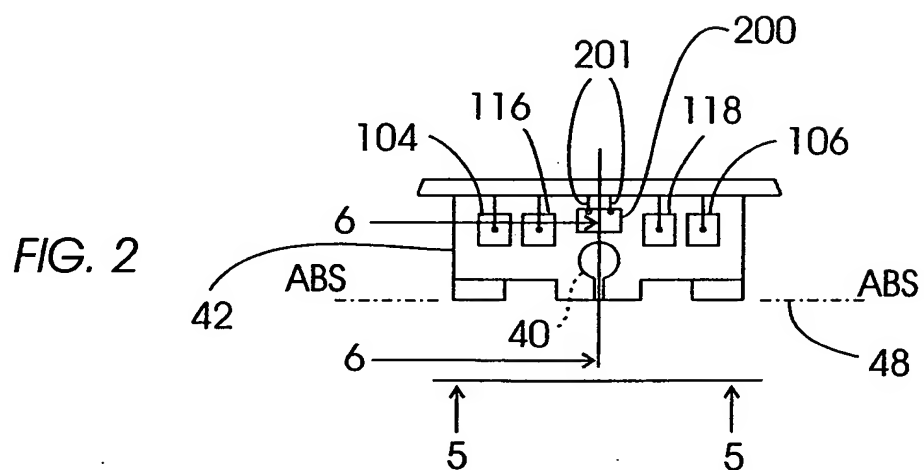


FIG. 2

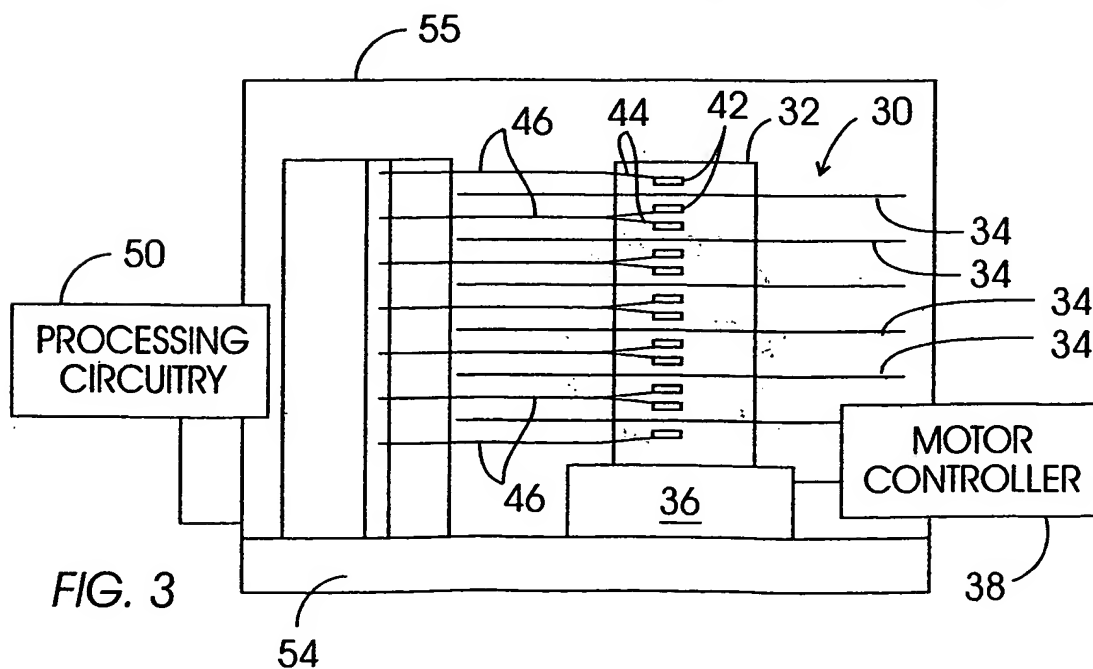


FIG. 3

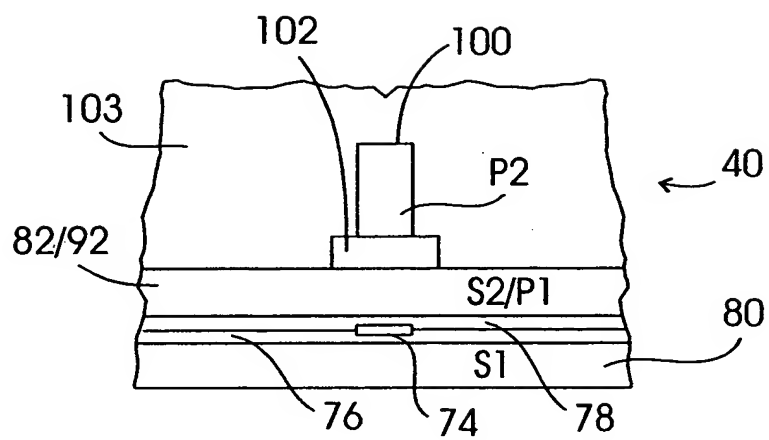
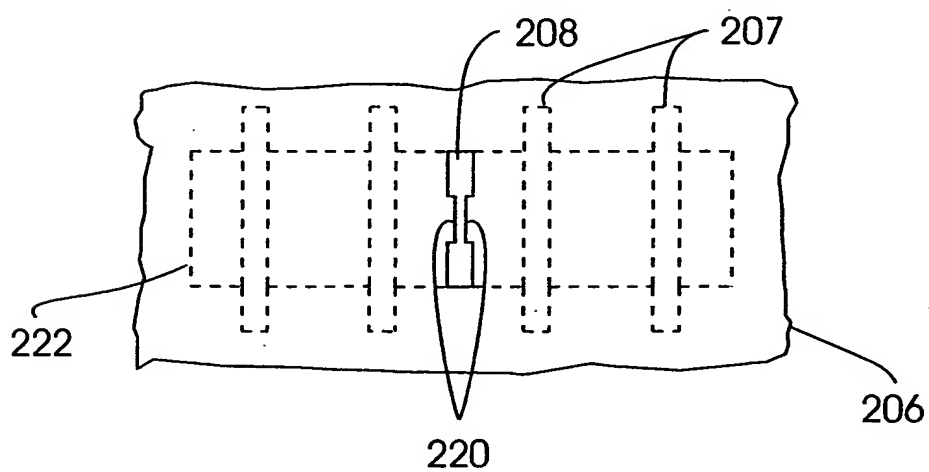
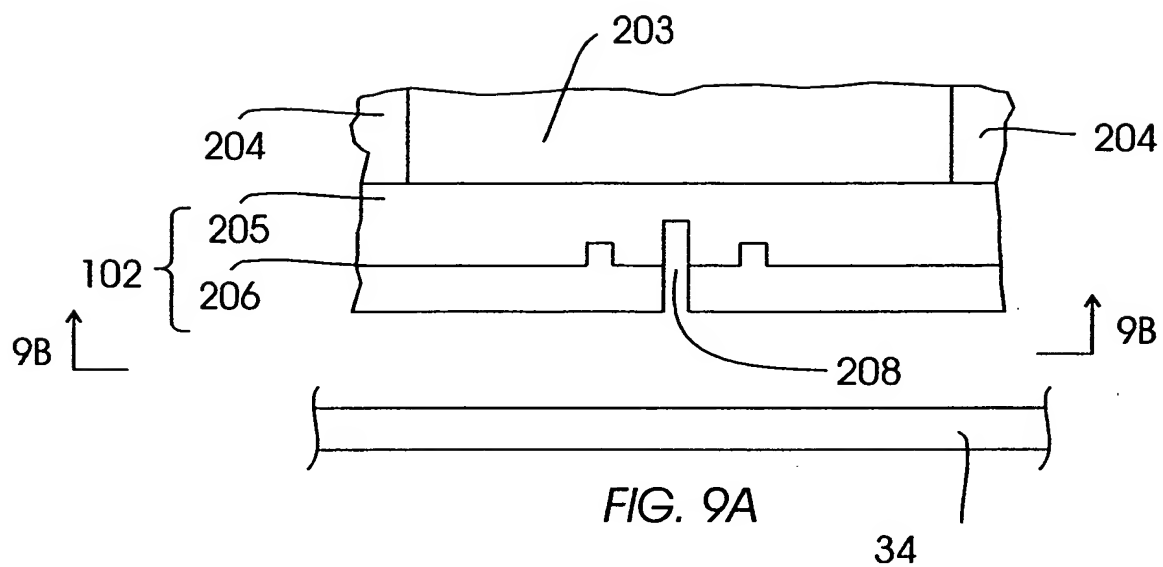


FIG. 7



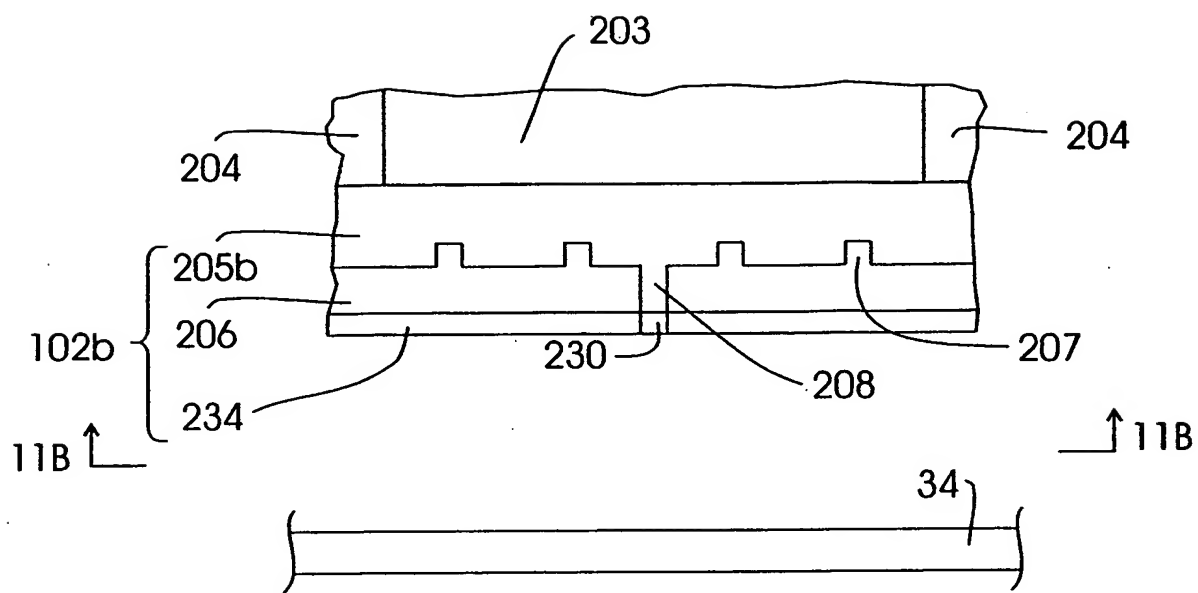


FIG. 11A

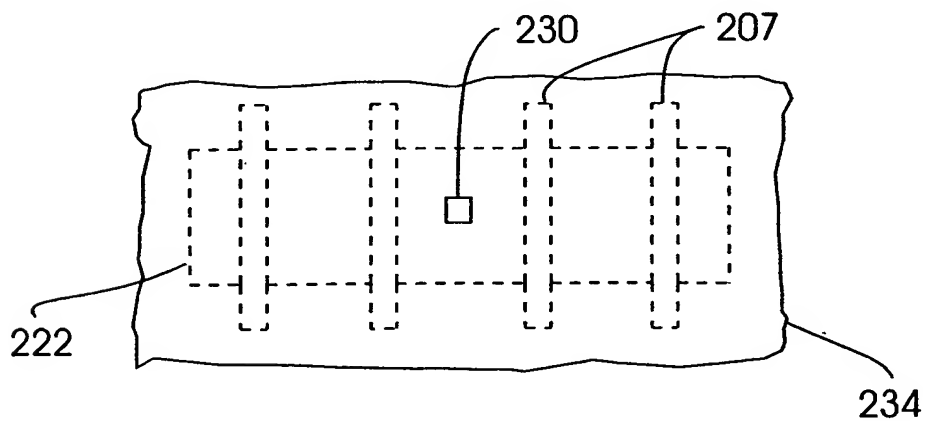


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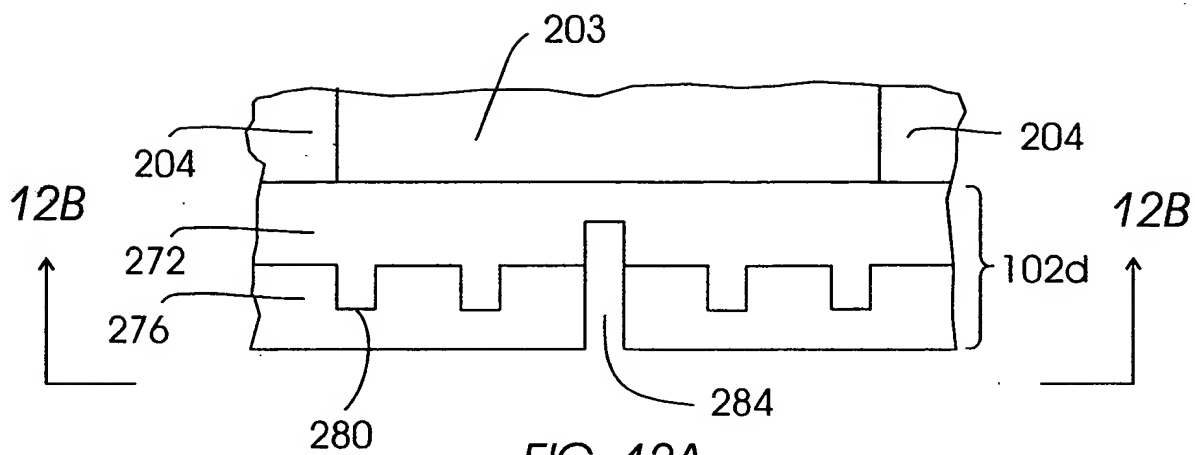


FIG. 12A

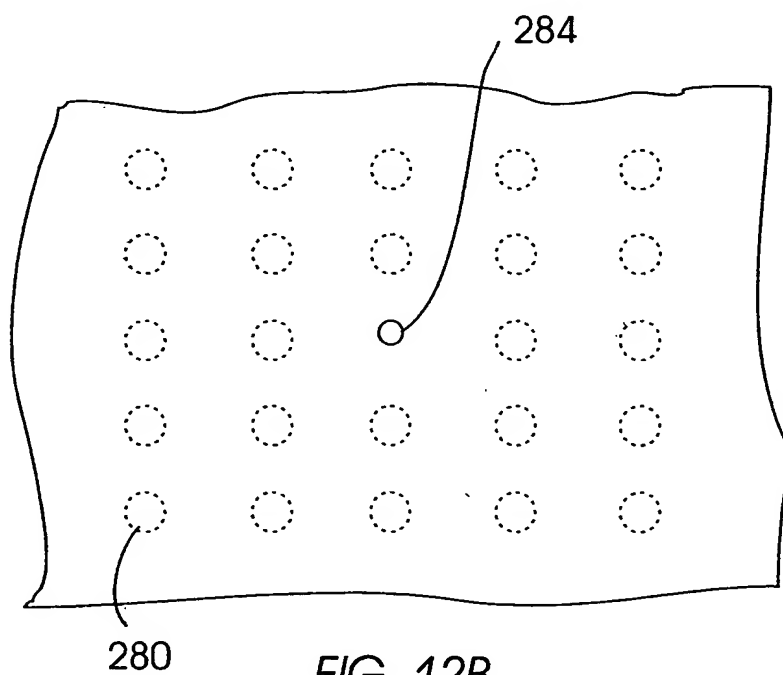


FIG. 12B

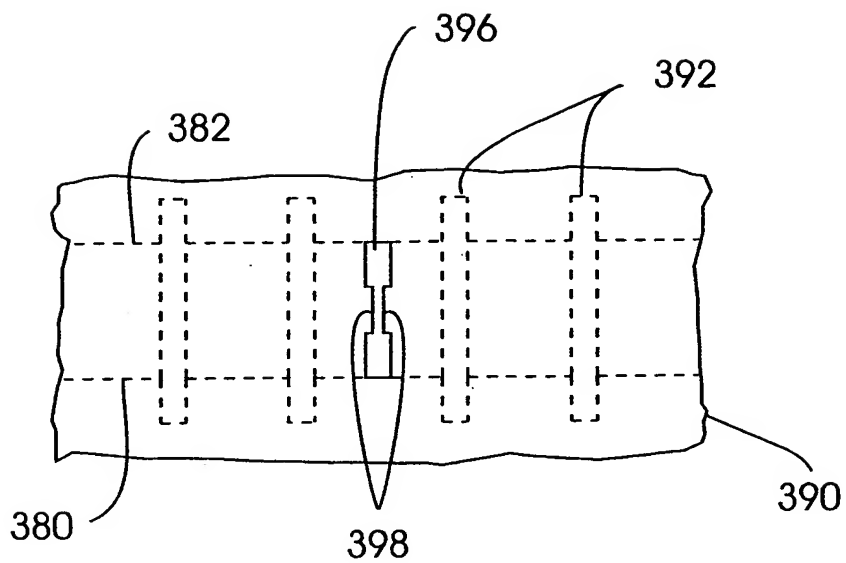


FIG. 14A

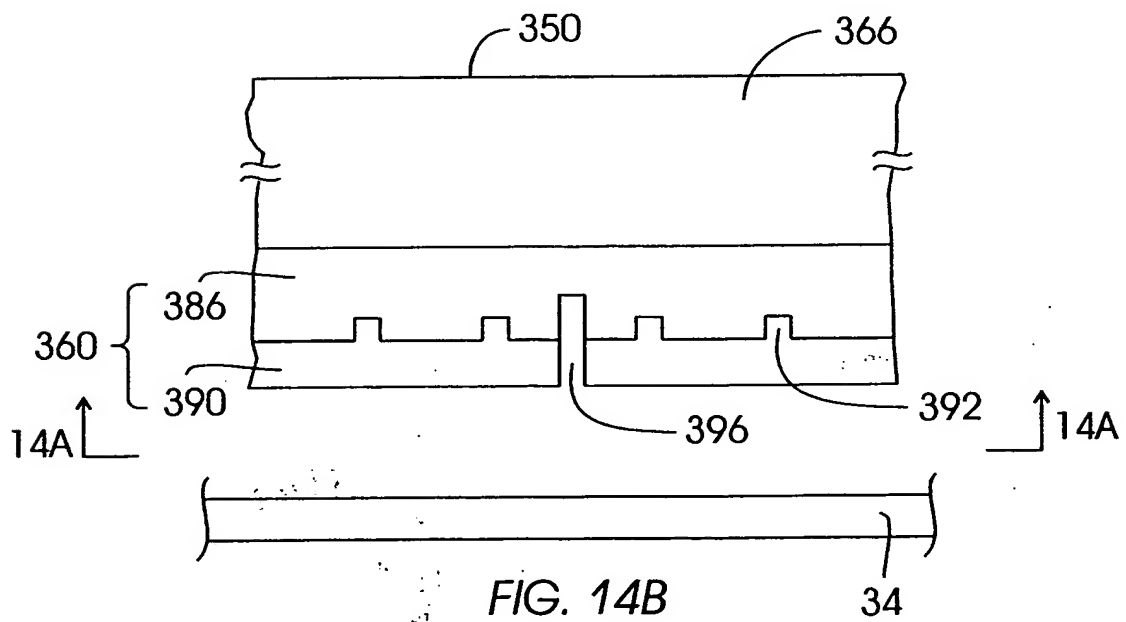


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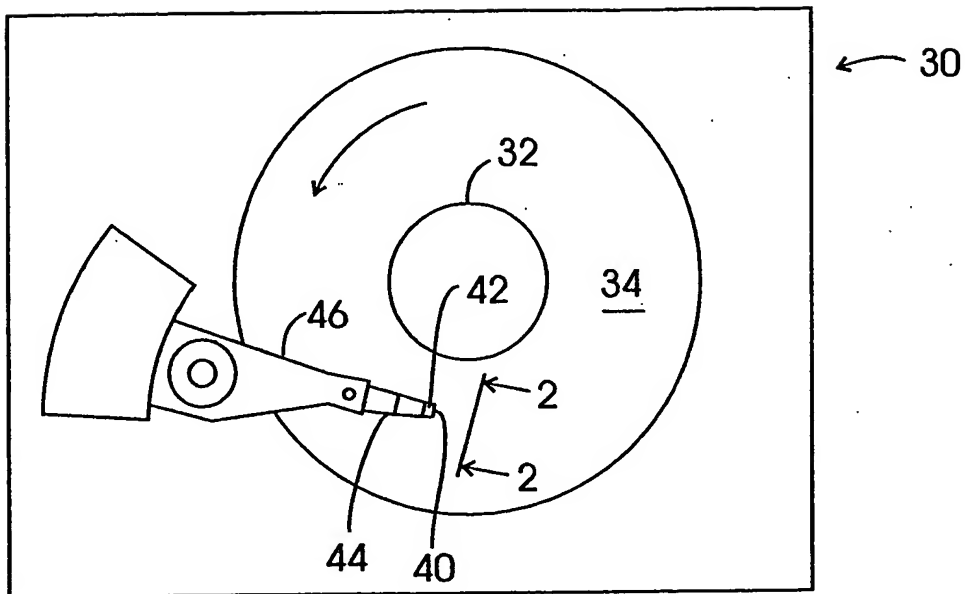


FIG. 1

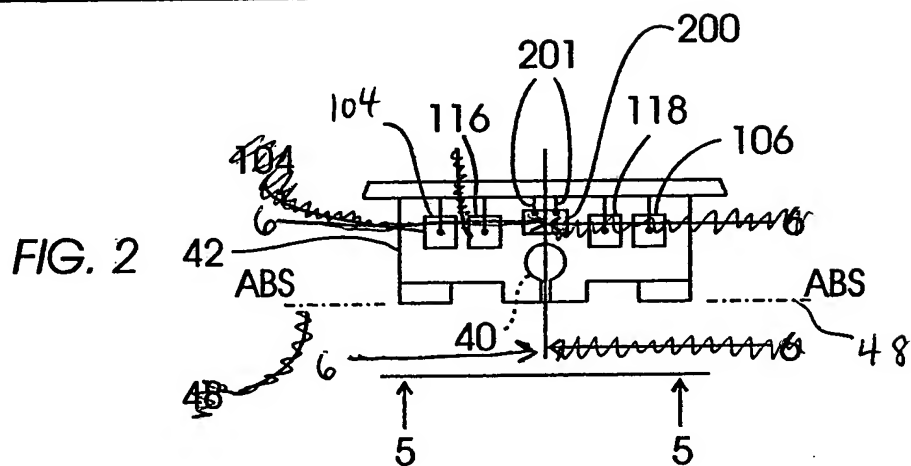


FIG. 2

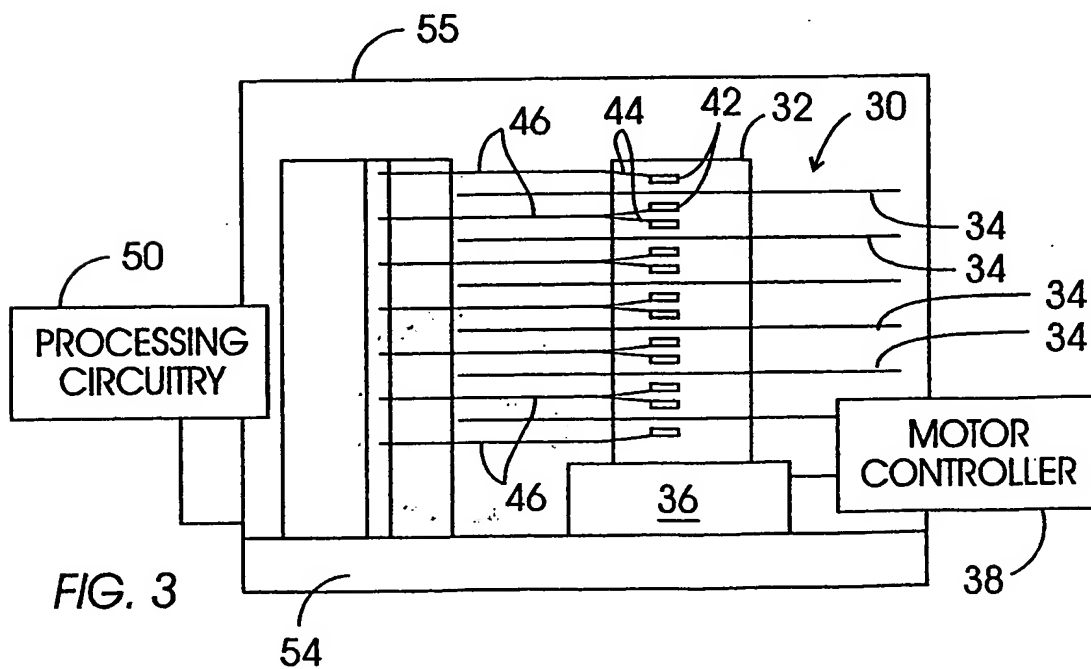


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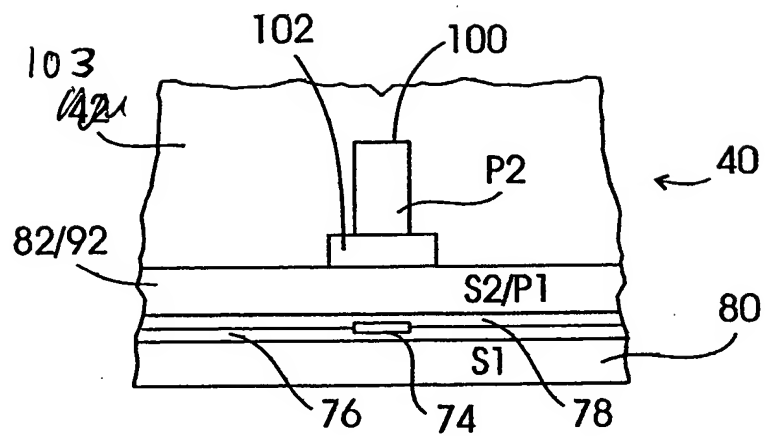
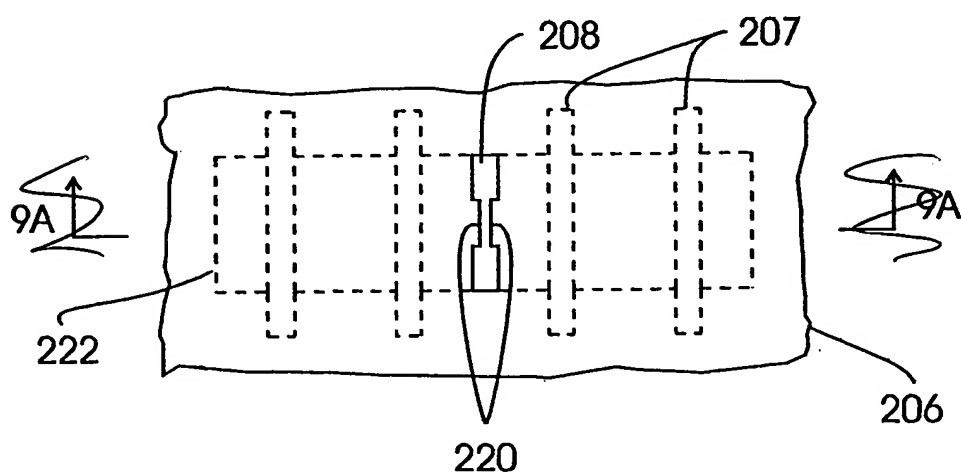
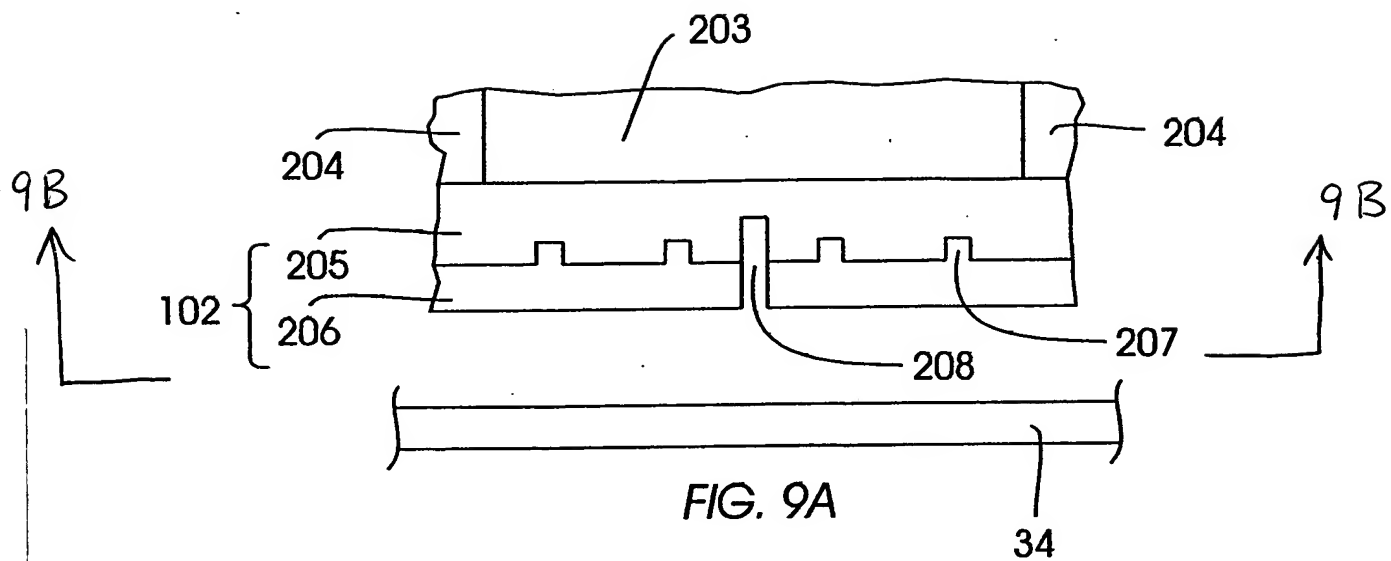


FIG. 7



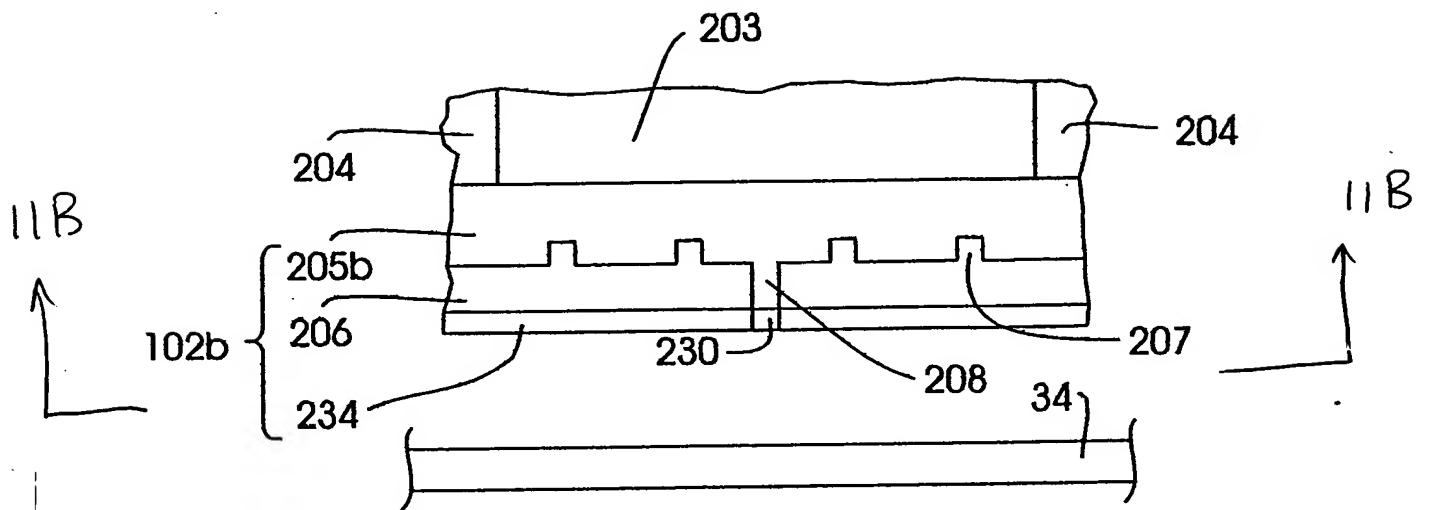


FIG. 11A

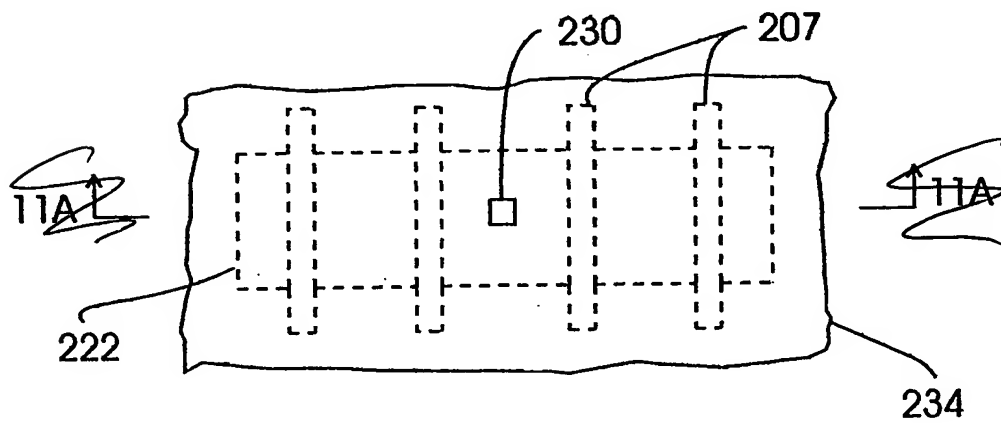
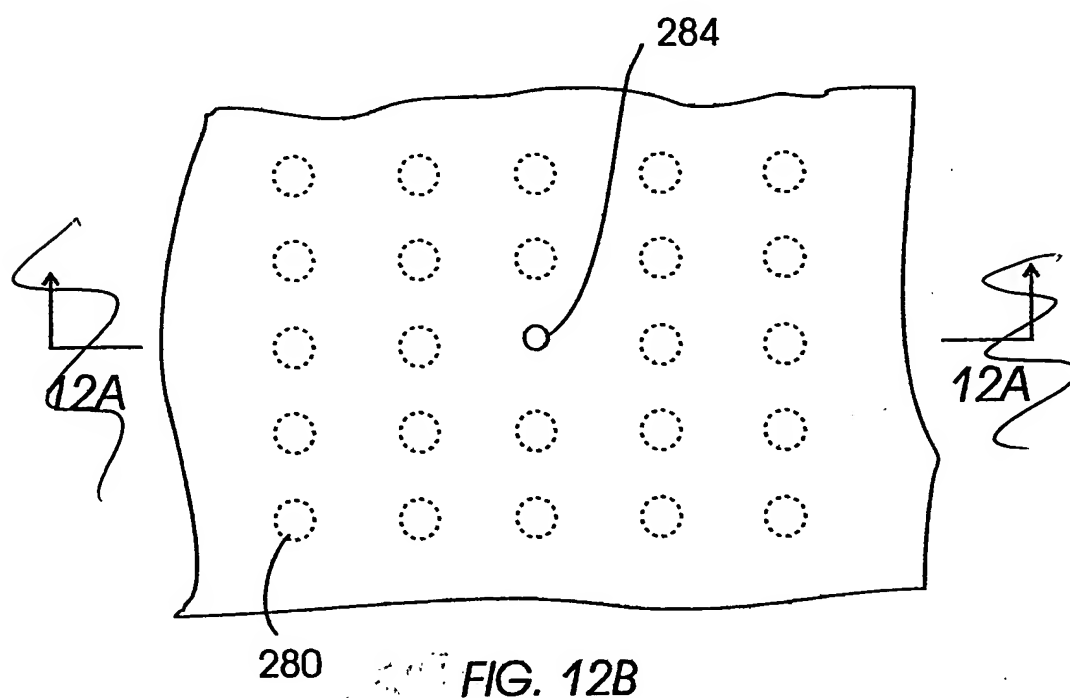
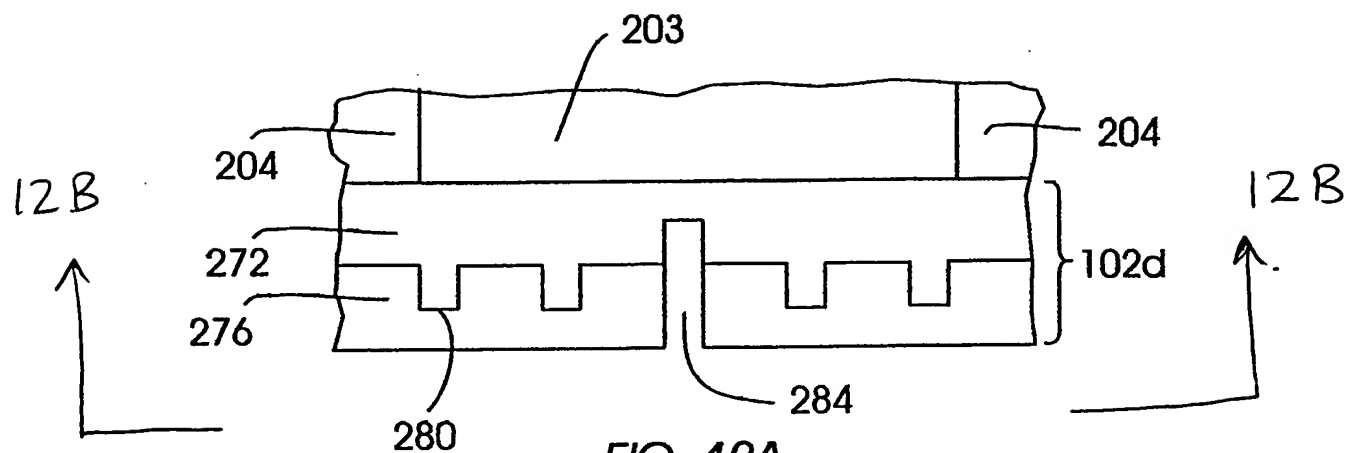


FIG. 11B



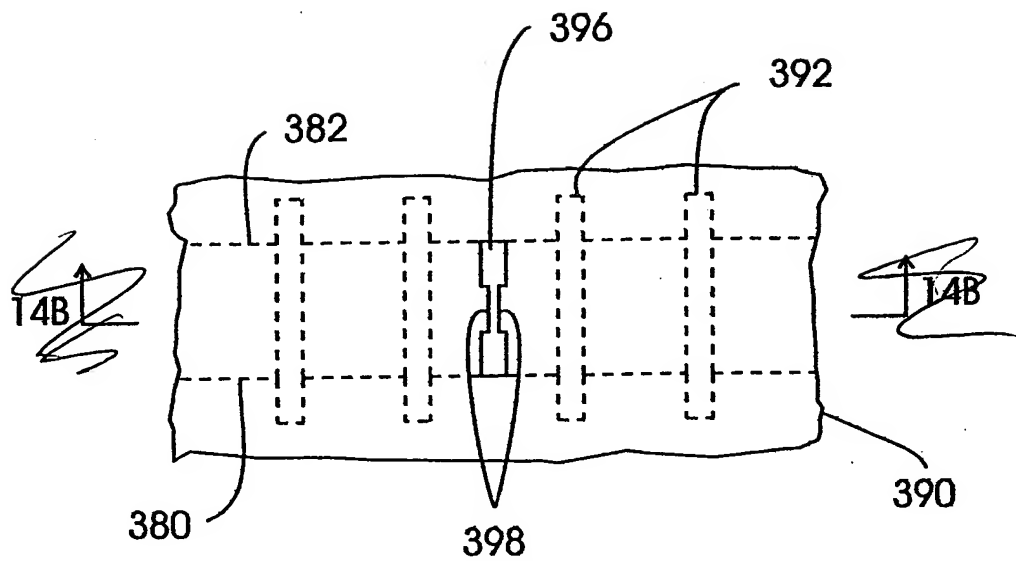


FIG. 14A

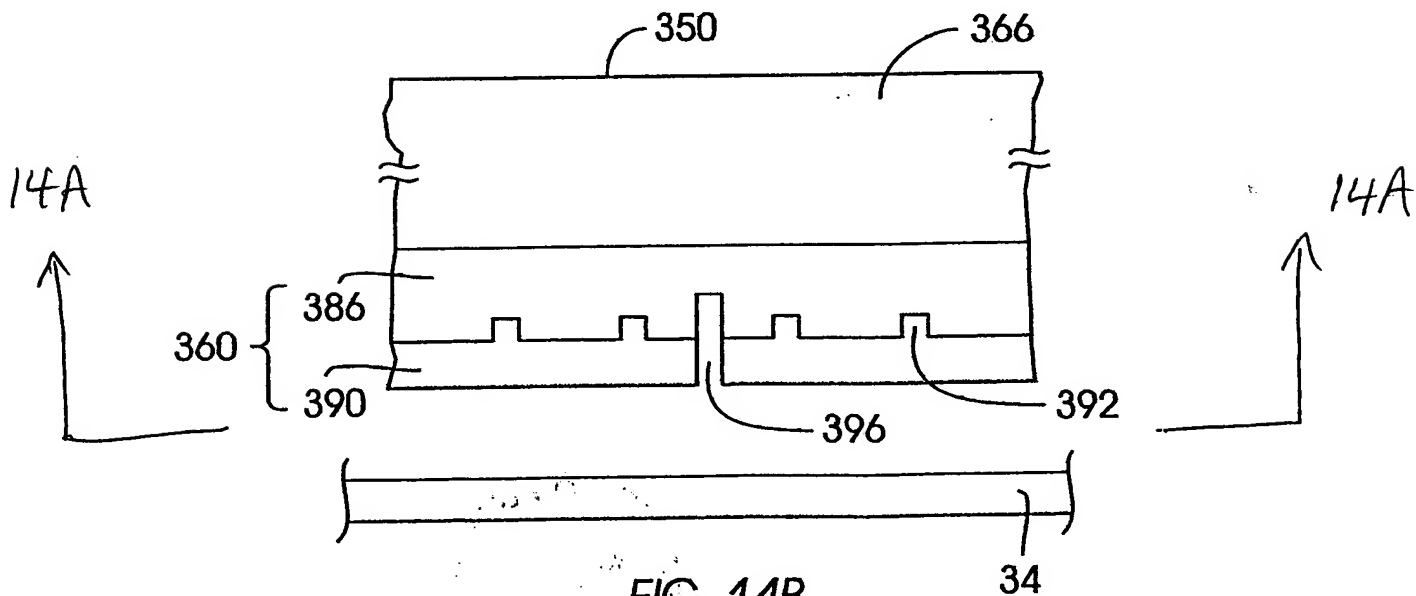


FIG. 14B